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SUBJECT: LAWRENCE K. LUNT, AMERICAN IMPRISONED IN CUBA

REF: STATE 092357

1. ILLING CALLED ON MSGR. ERRIQUENZ MORING MAY 6 TO ASK IF VATICAN WOULD BE WILLING TO INSTRUCT BISHOP ZAZZHI IN HAVANA TO SEEK FROM CUBAN AUTHORITIES REAFFIRMATION OF MARCH 30, 1971, OFFER TO EXCHANGE PERALTA FOR LUNT. ILLING ALSO NOTED THAT, SHOULD VATICAN DECIDE TO AUTHORIZE ZACCHI TO MAKE INQUIRY, IT MIGHT BE LEFT UP TO ZACCHI'S JUDGMENT TO DO NOTHING SHOULD HE FEEL HIS INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF ENCOURAGING CUBANS TO SEEK PERALTA'S RETURN WITHOUT PAYING ANY PRICE. ALSO POINTED OUT TO ERRIQUENZ THAT TIME ELEMENT MOST IMPORTANT. ERRIQUENZ TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND PROMISED TO RAISE MATTER WITH ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY, AND REPORT CASAROLI'S REACTION TO US.

2. COMMENT: ERRIQUENZ SAID HIS PERSONAL REACTION TO OUR REQUEST TO CABLE ZACCHI WAS POSITIVE, SO WE CAN ASSUME HE WILL PRESENT MATTER IN FAVORABLE LIGHT TO CASAROLI. HE DID, HOWEVER, POINT OUT THAT ZACCHI WAS EARLIER NOT SANGUINE ABOUT WISDOM OF HIS DISCUSSING LUNT CASE WITH CUBAN AUTHORITIES BASED ON WHAT HE HAD HEARD FROM BELGIANS ABOUT AMBASSADOR SOMERHAUSEN'S EARLY DECEMBER CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT DORTICOS. AS POSSIBLE

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EXPLANATION OF DORTICOS' VEHEMENT DISCLAIMER OF ANY POSSIBILITY

OF RELEASING LUNT EVEN IN EXCHANGE FOR PERALTA, ILLING SUGGESTED
THAT DORTICOS' WRATH MAY HAVE BEEN AROUSED BY AMBASSADOR
SOMERHAUSEN'S MISTAKEN ASSERTION THAT PERALTA HAD ALREADY BEEN
RELEASED BY PORTUGUESE. VOLPE

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